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TAGS: CDES, SZ, (WHITWORTH, TERRY)

SUBJECT: DEATH CASE: TERRY WHITWORTH

REF: BERN 3496 AND 3205

1. DEPARTMENT HAS MADE SEVERAL ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT MRS. WHITWORTH DIRECTLY AND THROUGH OFFICE OF SENATOR TOWER TO NO AVAIL. WE WILL CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TO CONTACT MRS. WHITWORTH AND ADVISE POST PROMPTLY OF INFO RE TRANSMISSION OF OVERDUE FUNDS.

2. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED A NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS FROM OFFICE OF SENATOR TOWER AND OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS RE CONDITION OF REMAINS UPON ARRIVAL IN U.S. THE REMAINS OF DECEASED REPORTEDLY NOT SHIPPED IN CASKET, BUT IN METAL BOX. DECEASED'S NUDE BODY HAD BEEN PLACED FACE DOWN, AND LEGS HAD BEEN FOLDED TO FIT SIZE OF METAL CONTAINER. THE REMAINS REPORTEDLY NOT EMBALMED OR PREPARED AS EXPECTED BY FAMILY. MRS. WHITWORTH REQUESTS EXPLANATION FOR \$4000.

3. MRS. WHITWORTH ADVISED OFFICE OF SENATOR TOWER THAT SHE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED NOT TO SEND FUNDS AND SON'S REMAINS WERE BEING SHIPPED PRE-PAID. DEPARTMENT UNABLE TO ASCERTAIN NAME OF PERSON OR PERSONS WHO SUGGESTED FUNDS NOT BE DEPOSITED AS UNCLASSIFIED

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REQUESTED IN EMBASSY'S CABLE UNDER REFERENCE.

4. WHILE THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT KNOW WHO ADVISED MRS. WHITWORTH NOT TO DEPOSIT FUNDS FOR SHIPMENT REMAINS, OUR CONOFFS SHOULD NEITHER AUTHORIZE PREPARATION OF REMAINS, NOR GUARANTEE PAYMENT TO APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF FUNDS. AS POST AWARE, PERSON WHO GIVES AUTHORITY FOR SHIPMENT OF REMAINS IS LIABLE SHOULD FAMILY DECLINE TO FORWARD FUNDS. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES COMMENTS RE AUTHORIZATION. POST MAY ALSO WISH TO CONTACT WHOEVER PREPARED REMAINS RE CONDITION OF REMAINS UPON ARRIVAL IN U.S. KISSINGER

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